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Governor Proclaims Emergency Medical Services Week in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor John Hoeven has proclaimed May 17 through 23, 2009, as Emergency Medical Services Week in North Dakota.

This year's event honors the more than 5,000 personnel who serve the state's emergency medical services (EMS) system. The theme, "A Proud Partner in Your Community," emphasizes the excellent services provided every day, under any circumstances, by the North Dakota EMS providers who serve their communities.

"Emergency medical services are an integral part of North Dakota's health-care system," Hoeven said. "These dedicated and determined emergency workers help to ensure the health, protection and physical well-being of all North Dakotans. They are heroes every day."

The members of emergency medical services teams, both pre-hospital and in-hospital, are highly trained specialists ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Emergency medical services systems dramatically improve the survival and recovery rate of people who experience sudden illness or injury, and EMS personnel are dedicated to saving lives through injury prevention, safety awareness and emergency preparedness.

For more information about Emergency Medical Services Week, contact Tim Meyer, Division of Emergency Medical Services, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.2388.

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Proclamation
Emergency Medical Services Week
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WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's emergency medical services system consists of physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2009, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven
Governor

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